

ARIES LABORATORIES, LLC
ILN281325

BACKGROUND & APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Aries Laboratories, LLC
d/b/a Indo Laboratories
257 Simarano Drive, Suite 100, Marlborough, MA 01752

2. Type of license sought (if cultivation, its tier level and outside/inside operation) and information regarding the application submission:

Independent Testing Laboratory

The application was reopened two (2) times for additional information.

3. The applicant is a licensee or applicant for other Marijuana Establishment and/or Medical Marijuana Treatment Center license(s):

The applicant is not an applicant or licensee for any other license type.

4. List of all required individuals and their business roles in the Marijuana Establishment:

Individual	Role
Nicholas Masso	Executive/Officer
Nicholas Bilotti	Executive/Officer

5. List of all required entities and their roles in the Marijuana Establishment:

No other entity appears to have ownership or control over this proposed Marijuana Establishment.

6. Applicant's priority status:

Expedited Applicant (License Type)



7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on December 20, 2019.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on September 23, 2019 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission received a municipal response from the municipality on April 8, 2020 stating the applicant was in compliance with all local ordinances or bylaws.
10. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Positive Impact Plan:

#	Goal
1	Donate at least \$75,000, annually, to the Dimas House located in Worcester to assist convicted felons reintegrate back into society.

SUITABILITY REVIEW

11. There were no disclosures of any past civil or criminal actions, occupational license issues, or marijuana-related business interests in other jurisdictions.
12. There were no concerns arising from background checks on the individuals or entities associated with the application.

MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS REVIEW

13. The applicant states that it can be operational within seven (7) months of receiving the provisional license(s).
14. The applicant’s proposed hours of operation are the following:

Monday – Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Saturday – Sunday: Closed
15. The applicant submitted all applicable and required summaries of plans, policies, and procedures for the operation of the proposed establishment. The summaries were determined to be substantially compliant with the Commission’s regulations.
16. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Diversity Plan:

#	Goal
1	Source 25% of its vendors or contractors with businesses owned by minorities, veterans, women, people with disabilities and people identifying as LGBTQ+.



2	Recruit women (55%), minorities (40%), veterans (25%), people with disabilities (10%) and people identifying as LGBTQ+ (10%) for its hiring initiatives.
3	Develop female leadership from within its own ranks of employees increasing the number of female managers by at least 50% year-over-year.

17. Summary of cultivation plan (if applicable):

Not Applicable.

18. Summary of products to be produced and/or sold (if applicable):

Not Applicable.

19. Plan for obtaining marijuana or marijuana products (if applicable):

Not Applicable.

20. ISO 17025:2017 Certification (if applicable):

The applicant is not yet accredited to the most current International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 17025 by a third-party accrediting body that is a signatory to the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) Mutual Recognition Arrangement. Staff recommend that this accreditation be required prior to final licensure.

RECOMMENDATION

Commission staff recommend provisional licensure with the following conditions:

1. Final license is subject to inspection to ascertain compliance with Commission regulations;
2. Final license is subject to inspection to ascertain compliance with applicable state laws and local codes, ordinances, and bylaws;
3. Final licensure is subject to the applicant ensuring that all remaining required individuals be fingerprinted pursuant to previous Commission notifications;
4. The applicant shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff;
5. Provisional licensure is subject to the payment of the appropriate license fee; and
6. Final licensure is subject to the applicant being accredited to the most current ISO 17025 by a third-party accrediting body that is a signatory to the ILAC Mutual Recognition Arrangement.

The applicant has demonstrated compliance with the laws and regulations of the Commonwealth and suitability for licensure. Therefore, the applicant is recommended for provisional licensure.

